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ANNUAL OCCURRENCE OF SPADE-FOOT TOADS.

Spade-foot toads (*Scaphiopus holbrooki*) appeared in Patchogue on the evening of May 22, 1915, for at least the fourth successive year. The first hard rain of spring occurred on the night of May 21, and on the evening of May 22, great numbers of toads were present in the same pool in which they have been seen in previous years. On the morning of the 23d nearly every blade of grass in the pool was covered with their eggs, and by night not a toad remained in sight. The sudden emergence of the toads from their underground retreats and their extremely short stay in the breeding pools, probably accounts for the former belief that years usually elapse between their appearances.

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NOTE ON AN UNUSUALLY LARGE OCEAN SUNFISH.

On May 14, 1915, I examined a very large Ocean Sunfish or Mola (*Mola mola*) at the fish house of the Borzone Fish Company in San Francisco. The fish had been caught the day before in a parancella net about 40 miles off the Golden Gate and south of the Farallons.